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Testimony in support of

Senate Bill 383 and

House Bill 5403

Dear Senators and State Representatives of the Finance Committee,

My name is Carla Esquivel and I live in Stamford.

I am the coordinator of the NOSOTRAS Group - Domestic Workers of Stamford. I am a member of ULA and the Recovery for All coalition. We come together from every town in Connecticut to make this state a place where everyone can thrive, no matter their skin color, national origin, language, or gender.

I would like to bear my testimony in support of:

- **Senate Bill 383 and**
- **House Bill 5403**

These bills would help thousands of working mothers like me to give our families more opportunities. We work and pay taxes, and it's not fair that our children lack opportunities to thrive, given that we live in the richest state in this country.

I've lived in Stamford for 15 years. I am a mother of two girls, and I am always present as a volunteer in my girls' schools.

I am proud to be a domestic worker. Our work makes all other jobs possible, because our clients don't have to worry about housework. We also take care of the children in the house giving them the love, care and attention they need while the parents are working.

If my job is essential, why is it that I barely have enough to take care of my family's health and well-being? I don't even have enough money to get the medical care I need.

These bills would help thousands of working families like mine to be able to cut the taxes we pay a little bit. That money would help me invest in the needs my daughters have. In the same way I have a problem in my leg I have not been able to go to the doctor since we live from check to check and I put my family as a priority. I wish I could see a doctor before the pain increases.

We live in the richest state in the country and also in one of the most expensive states to live in. The state of Connecticut has the worst inequality where Connecticut's tax system enriches

the rich and impoverishes the working class and the middle class. I live this inequality in my own flesh, where I work like everyone else, but I have to sacrifice the well-being of my family to give more power to the people who need it the least.

It is time for you to make the change, because we need equality and justice. We deserve it. Thank you.